

Lib. X. Several Gentlemen present viz^t Captain Rich^d Hill One of his Majestys Iustices of the Provincial Court Maj^r William Dent his Majestys Atty General M^r Samuel Young one of the Masters in Chancery M^r Christopher Gregory Clk of the Provincial Court Peter Jennings Esq^r his Majestys Collector of the district of Puttuxent Geo Plater Esq^r Receiver & Naval Officer of the said District M^r Edward Batson Register of the Perogative Court & Naval Officer of this port of Annapolis M^r Rich^d Beard high Sheriff & M^r Orlando Green-slade Coroner of Ann Arundel County all took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy & Subscribed the Test & Association

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Tuesday Ianuary the 3^d 1698/9

The Council Sate present as Yesterday

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r late Gov^r of this Province & now his Majestys Lieu^t & Gov^r Gen^l of the Colony of Virginia being present his Excellency is pleased to desire his advice at the Board

And it coming under consideration whether it may not be for his Majestys Service that the present Assembly now on foot should not be dissolved his Excellency desiring the advice of the Council they do say that they do not think it will be for his Majestys Service that the said Assembly should be dissolved for that several Laws imposing Duties for the Support of this his Maj^{stys} Gov^t would Determine thereby

His Excellency observing that the said Assembly stands prorogued until the 28th Day of Iune next is thereupon pleased to communicate to the Board one of his most Sacred Majestys Royal Instructions to him whereby he is required to convene the General Assembly with all Convenient speed after his arrival here & requires them to give him their opinions whether the said Assembly may be sooner Conveened notwithstanding their being so prorogued

To which the Gentlemen of the Council do Severally say that they do not think the Assembly can be sooner conveened for that they do not know or ever heard of any such President therefore

p. 206 His Excellency is pleased to say that he will Always go along with the Gentlemen of the Council & be glad upon all Occasions to take their advice for his Majestys Service, for that he is made Sensible of their Loyal Affections to his Maj^{sty} & their Knowledge & experience in the Affairs of this Province